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to this part and shall be specifically authorized by the Associate Librarian for Library Services. Any researcher who demonstrates a continuing need for a facility beyond an expiration date may reapply, but priority will be given to applicants on the waiting list who meet the specific criteria.

(c) *Congressional use of study rooms.* Rooms 225A-225E in the James Madison Building are available for the exclusive use of Members of Congress and Committees for official research that requires use of the Library's collections or files in the Congressional Research Service. Assignment of study rooms shall be made in accordance with the Resolution of the Joint Committee on the Library of September 12, 1959, which states: "* * * occupancy of study rooms assigned to Members should not be delegated to others than members of their own office staff who are paid no less than 20 hours per week from U.S. Government funds and at a rate of not less than the minimum salary of a GS-3 clerk-typist * * *, and that Members should not request assignments of rooms for themselves merely for the purpose of sponsoring the work of private individuals and non-Government groups. * * *" Rooms are assigned for one year or the life of the project, whichever is less, with the assignment and termination dates determined by the Director of the Congressional Relations Office.

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§ 701.9 Loans of library materials.

The Library of Congress is not a public circulating library and no material in its collections may be taken from the Library buildings except upon approval by the Chief of the Loan Division. Members of Congress, heads of executive departments, and other statutory borrowers, however, have the privilege of withdrawing books by virtue of their office. Subject to regulations and conditions established by The Librarian of Congress, special permission to withdraw materials may be given to congressional staff. Applications for such privilege are acted upon by the Chief of the Loan Division, who is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the regulations governing loans. Except for Members of

Congress, heads of executive departments, and others authorized by the Librarian to have materials assembled and delivered to them, persons having the borrowing privilege must present materials to be borrowed to the Loan Division for recording and for issuance of a door pass. Borrowers must present the materials for inspection to the guards on duty at the exits to the Library buildings. Materials are issued on interlibrary loan to other libraries within and outside the District of Columbia under regulations established by the Librarian of Congress. Applications from established libraries for such loans, and requests for information about interlibrary loans and loan service, generally, should be directed to the Chief of the Loan Division.

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§ 701.10 Loans of library materials for blind and other physically handicapped persons.

(a) *Program.* In connection with the Library's program of service under the Act of March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1487), as amended, its National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides books in raised characters (braille), on sound reproduction recordings, or in any other form, under regulations established by the Librarian of Congress. The National Library Service also provides and maintains reproducers for such sound reproduction recordings for the use of blind and other physically handicapped residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, Insular Possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens temporarily domiciled abroad.

(b) *Eligibility criteria.* (1) The following persons are eligible for such service:

(i) Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.